

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Call to Order: Chair Fred Thomas, on January 3, 2017 at 3:34 P.M., in Room 350
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Fred Thomas, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJR 1, 12/30/2016; SR 1, 12/30/2016

Executive Action: SJR 1 - amended
SR 1 - amended

Vice Chair Keenan assumed the role as chair.

HEARING ON SJ 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:50 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SJ 1, Joint rules resolution.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:32 Todd Everts, chief legal counsel, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:04:53 Chair Keenan
00:05:00 Sen. Thomas
00:05:28 Mr. Everts, LSD
00:05:34 Sen. Phillips
00:05:53 Sen. Thomas
00:07:01 Sen. Barrett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:54 Sen. Thomas

HEARING ON SR 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:17 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SR 1, Senate rules resolution.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:36 Sen. Thomas

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 1

00:09:53 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SJR 1 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:10:16 Sen. Thomas
00:11:21 Chair Keenan

00:11:30 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved **TO ADOPT AMENDMENT SJ000102.ATE.**
EXHIBIT(rus02a01)

Discussion:

00:11:41 Sen. Thomas
00:11:48 Mr. Everts
00:12:32 Sen. Phillips
00:13:14 Sen. Sesso
00:13:21 Mr. Everts
00:13:49 Sen. Sesso

00:14:09 **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

00:14:22 Sen. Sesso
00:15:43 Sen. Thomas
00:20:05 Sen. Buttrey
00:20:47 Sen. Wolken
00:21:03 Sen. Thomas
00:22:01 Sen. Phillips
00:22:57 Mr. Everts
00:29:55 Sen. Barrett
00:30:36 Mr. Everts
00:33:02 Sen. Phillips
00:33:37 Mr. Everts
00:35:59 Sen. Thomas

00:36:05 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved **TO ADOPT AMENDMENT SJ000104.ATE.**
EXHIBIT(rus02a02)

Discussion:

00:36:14 Sen. Thomas
00:37:01 Sen. Phillips
00:37:17 Sen. Thomas
00:37:22 Sen. Olszewski
00:37:49 Mr. Everts

00:38:08 **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:38:52 Sen. Buttrey left the hearing.

00:39:10 Chair Keenan

00:39:16 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved **TO ADOPT AMENDMENT SJ000105.ATE.**
[EXHIBIT\(rus02a03\)](#)

00:39:51 **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Buttrey was excused.

00:40:32 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved **TO ADOPT AMENDMENT SJ000107.ATE.**
[EXHIBIT\(rus02a04\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(rus02a05\)](#)

00:43:04 Sen. Thomas withdrew his motion.

00:43:23 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved **TO ADOPT AMENDMENT SJ000108.ATE.**
[EXHIBIT\(rus02a06\)](#)

Discussion:

00:44:11 Mr. Everts

00:45:00 **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Buttrey was excused.

00:45:22 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved **TO ADOPT AMENDMENT SJ000101.ATE.**
[EXHIBIT\(rus02a07\)](#)

Discussion:

00:45:51 Sen. Thomas
00:48:16 Sen. Phillips
00:49:23 Sen. Thomas
00:49:51 Sen. Barrett
00:50:18 Sen. Thomas
00:52:00 Sen. Thomas withdrew his motion.
00:52:22 Sen. Keenan

00:52:56 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved **TO ADOPT AMENDMENT SJ000106.ATE.**
[EXHIBIT\(rus02a08\)](#)

Discussion:

00:53:03 Sen. Phillips
00:53:49 Mr. Everts

00:54:37 **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Buttrey was excused.

Discussion:

00:55:01 Sen. Thomas
00:55:13 Sen. Keenan

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 1

00:55:49 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SR 1 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:56:03 Sen. Thomas

00:58:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved **TO ADOPT AMENDMENT SR000101.ATE.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Buttrey was excused.

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(rus02a09)

00:58:47 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved **TO ADOPT AMENDMENT SR000102.ATE.**

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(rus02a10)

Discussion:

00:58:55 Sen. Thomas

01:00:35 Sen. Phillips

01:00:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Buttrey was excused.

Discussion:

01:01:06 Sen. Thomas

01:01:28 Chair Keenan

01:01:33 Sen. Thomas

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:35 PM

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([rus02aad.pdf](#))